

REMARKS

We hereby respond to the Office Action dated August 9, 2007 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (for which the period for response has been extended by one month until December 9, 2007).

We note with great appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1, 3-25 and 42-89, recognizing that the art fails to disclose or suggest an invention wherein prior to boot, a system is able to determine the attributes of a client system and to automatically select a set of instructions to be performed prior to booting the client.

Please note that the amended claims now incorporate language that was indicated as allowable in the latest Office Action. Claim 90, for example, has been amended to incorporate the language provided in the reasons for allowance. Claim 105 has similarly been re-written to incorporate the language of allowed claim 1. Claims 107-111 have been amended solely to make the dependent claims consistent with the amended language of independent claim 105. Independent claims 111 and 116 have been similarly amended to more closely track the language of the allowed claims, with further clarification that the “attributes” determined by the attribute determination program correspond to files stored on the client computer (claim 111) or registry entries on the client computer (claim 116). We have also repaired minor linguistic inconsistencies in allowed dependent claims 62 and 70, which also relate to file systems and registries. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims is earnestly requested.

The Examiner has requested that we provide formal drawings with our response. Formal drawings are being submitted at the same time as this Response, and the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns about the drawings.

Although no additional fees or extensions of time (other than the one month extension of time addressed elsewhere) are believed to be required, Applicant requests that the Commissioner grant any extension and/or debit any fees (including any fees for additional claims or extensions of time) from Deposit Account No. 50-2117 for entry of this Response and/or to avoid abandonment of this Application.

Applicants and their counsel would like to extend their thanks to Examiner Choudhury for the acknowledgement of the allowed claims, and for his efforts in prosecuting this Application. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application in person, Applicant's counsel would welcome a call from the Examiner at (480) 385-5060.

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Respectfully submitted,
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